Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Sir, no such proposal has been received in the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Tenders for Dehrionsone Coal Stockyard

1164. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tenders were invited for setting up of coal stockyard at Dehrionsone;

(b) if so, when the tenders were finalised; and

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be started there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Coal India Ltd. had invited tenders for Dehri-on-son stockyard alongwith stockyards on other locations. The tenders have not yet been finalised because the policy on operations of Stockyards is presently under review by the under Government.

[*Translation*]

Western Kosi Canal Project

1166. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount allocated for the construction of the branch canals of the Western Kosi Canal Project has been withdrawn;

(b) if so, the reasons there-for; and

(c) the time by which the construction of the main canal and the branch canals is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). Government of Bihar has reported that no amount has been withdrawn from the construction work on Western Kosi Canal Project. However, due to financial stringency, works have been curtailed substentially during the financial year 1991-92 as has been done for other Projects.

(c) The sheduled date of completion is June, 1995.

Waiting List for LPG Connections

1167. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are formulating any scheme for meeting the demand of LPG connections;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the total number of persons on the waiting list in Delhi and various parts of the country specially in Uttar Pradesh seeking LPG connections and the time by which they are likely to be given LPG connections?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). Efforts are on to provide LPG connections to as many persons and as early as possible . This will, however, be subject to product availability, pending waiting lists with the distributors and annual programme for enroiment of customers.

L.P.G. Connections In Rural Areas of U.P.

1168. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to provide LPG

connections in rural areas of Agra, Aligarh and Bharatpur in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the dates upto which the registered applicants are being given the connections; and

(d) the criteria adopted by the Government for providing LPG connections in new areas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d). As per the existing policy LPG facility is being provided in a phased manner to places with a population of 20,000 and above which offer viable distributor ships, subject to overall availability of the product. Efforts are, however, on to give LPG connections to as many applicants as early as possible.

[*English*]

Cost of Crude Oil

1170. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the landed cost of crude oil, per metric tonne, in Indian Ports as on January, 1, 1989, 1990 and 1991;

(b) the average production cost of one tonne, of domestic crude on the corresponding dates;

(c) the administered prices of Petrol, diesel, kerosene and aviation-grade fuel, per metric tonne and the retail prices per litre of those items in different States on the corresponding dates; and

(d) the number of times the administered prices have been revised in the corresponding period and the rationale behind these inceases?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The landed cost of crude oil varies from port to port and also with the source of supply.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The requisite information is given in the attached statement.

(d) Twice between 1.1.1989 and 1.1.1991. Any change in the prices of petroleum products is made by the Government, keeping in view supplies, growth in demand and other socio-economic factors.